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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC STAFFING PROBLEMS IN PRETORIA AND
JOHANNESBURG

SUMMARY: SPECIAL ECONOMIC REPORTS ASSIGNED TO PRETORIA AND
JOHANNESBURG IN CURRENT TIGHT PERSONNEL SITUATION HAVE MADE
IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MEET DEPARTMENT'S MINIMUM RE-
QUIREMENTS. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC
MEASURES TO RELIEVE THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRETORIA ECONOMIC OFFICER HERMAN ROSSI AND JOHANNESBURG
LABOR OFFICER FRANK GOLINO ARE PRESENTLY ON HOME LEAVE.
THE PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL POST IN THE COUNTRY AT JOHANNESBURG
HAS BEEN UNFILLED FOR EIGHT MONTHS. ONLY OFFICERS NOW
AVAILABLE FULL TIME FOR ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL DUTIES ARE
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN PRETORIA AND RESOURCES OFFICER IN
JOHANNESBURG. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A SUMMER INTERN AT EACH
POST DOING ECONOMIC AND LABOR WORK, RESPECTIVELY.

2. ALTHOUGH RETURN OF ROSSI AND GOLINO WILL EASE
SITUATION TO SOME EXTENT, WE WILL STILL HAVE A MAJOR
BACKLOG, INCLUDING REPORTING ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA,
MANY DEVELOPMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATING TO
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SOUTH AFRICA, ISSUES INVOLVING US SUBSIDIARIES, ETC.
GOLINO WILL BE SPENDING NEARLY FULL-TIME ON EMPLOYMENT
PRACTICES SURVEY.

3. MAJOR ADDITIONAL REPORTS CALLED FOR IN THE PAST TWO
WEEKS ARE COUNTRY CASE STUDY IN PRESIDENTIAL NONFUEL
MINERAL POLICY REVIEW (STATE 1911380, PROMOTION OF R&D

BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (A-2628), AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO GAO SURVEY OF FOREIGN MINERAL PROCESSING (STATE
200949).

4. ALTHOUGH IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT
WE HAVE NEED FOR A JUNIOR OFFICER TO BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO
THE ECONOMIC SECTION IN PRETORIA, WE BELIEVE WE CAN
REGAIN CONTROL OF SITUATION IN COMING MONTHS IF
FOLLOWING INTERIM STEPS ARE TAKEN:

A. SUMMER INTERN JOSEPH MERANTE, WHO IS PRESENTLY
ON ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL REGISTER OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS
AND ANTICIPATES FSO APPOINTMENT THIS FALL, BE EXTENDED
AT PRETORIA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT
HERE TO CONTINUE EVEN AFTER HIS COMMISSIONING IF
NECESSARY.

B. ARRIVAL OF NEW JOHANNESBURG COMMERCIAL OFFICER
HARVEY CLEW BE EXPEDITED.

C. IF POSSIBLE, SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE FOR OUR
REPLY TO STATE 19380 (PRESIDENTIAL NONFUEL MINERALS
POLICY REVIEW) BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 1. RESOURCES
OFFICER WILL BE TAKING PART IN SURVEY OF MINING INDUSTRY
IN SHABA PROVINCE AUGUST 19-27 AND WILL REQUIRE AT
LEAST A WEEK AFTER THAT TO PREPARE HIS FINDINGS,
LEAVING VERY BRIEF TIME TO ASSEMBLE VOLUMINOUS DATA
CALLED FOR IN 191380.

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5. REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE TO ENABLE US TO PLAN WORK
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